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Dear Joshua:

The dates you suggest for your visit to Berkeley will work out very well: April 3, arrive in Berkeley; April 4 at 4:10 the cytogenetics seminar on transduction; April 5 at 4:10 an open seminar (Immunogenetics of Salmonella?) has been tentatively arranged jointly with the Department of Zoology -- Friday is their regular seminar day. The morning of the 4th would be the most desirable time to meet with the Architects and Engineers in order to discuss space and facilities, if necessary the morning of the 5th would also be available. Other urgent business could be dealt with on the 3rd and the 6th.

Before considering in detail the questions that you asked in your letters of January 21, 29 and February 6, I should like to review briefly the progress made since my last letter. I have written to the Dean of Agriculture requesting that he ask the President for a decision on the nepotism issue. Second, the letter recommending your appointment has started on its way to the various administrative officers and committees of the faculty. As this will require considerable time, it is well to get it started as soon as possible. Finally, with the permission of the Dean of Agriculture, I have given your specifications of space and equipment needs to Mr. Cochrane Browne of the Office of Architects and Engineers, who is the technical officer of the committee in charge of space allocations in Giannini Hall. He will make an estimate of the cost and will also draw up some rough plans. He may want further information from you and he may make some suggestions for your approval. I have found him a very understanding and cooperative person to deal with.

(1) We do not have an Edison Voicewriter but we do have a Gray Audograph. If one of the latter machines is available to you, we could have the disks transcribed here. I hesitate to use the Central Stenographic Bureau here.

(2) In our original planning of the move to Giannini, we attempted to get the whole department on one floor, but this was not feasible. We asked for and were tentatively assigned (all assignments in Giannini are tentative until passed upon by the Chancellor's Building and Campus Development Committee and by the Chancellor himself) rooms 25 to 30 in the north wing of the basement. We expected to have biochemical genetics at the "25" end,

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because the latter room had the only hood suitable for a chemical laboratory, and we planned for the cytogenetics laboratory at the "30" end. The remainder of the department including the teaching laboratory, will be housed on the first floor in somewhat less than the north half of it. The move will involve no change in rooms or partitions on the first floor. The central part of the basement has been assigned to the Agricultural Reference Library, which will most likely house the library of the Department of Genetics at the north end. Consequently, the Department of Genetics and the Library will be the only occupants of the north three quarters of the basement.

At present, the rooms in Giannini are occupied as follows:
Room 25 -- Soils and Plant Nutrition (soil microbiology and soil biochemistry); 27, 28, 29 and 30--Agricultural publications. Room 22 and the remainder of the basement as well as the north half of the first floor, are occupied by Agricultural Extension.

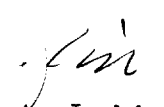
To get 22 and 23 seemed the only feasible way to get sufficient space for your immediate occupancy (July 1, 1958) and that would be contiguous to suitable quarters for expansion to the 2500 total square footage. I believe it is still the best solution in that a compact block can be closed off from the remainder of the building so that all introduced air may be filtered.

(3) A mechanical dishwasher of the make you mentioned is being installed in the Department of Plant Pathology so that very shortly we will have some experience by which to judge the efficiency of this particular type.

(4) Medical genetics on this campus is limited to Stern's work in Zoology and DeOme's work on cancer genetics -- mostly mice. As you know both are members of the Genetics Group. I do not know of any reason why you should not cooperate in the development of a more extensive program in medical genetics. No doubt it would require a diplomatic approach -- but then most enterprises in universities require just that if they work. I have always taken the attitude that all reasonable objectives are feasible if they are approached properly.

Best regards to you and Esther.

Yours sincerely,


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Chairman of the Dept.

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